

Arthur Peronneau Hayne to Andrew Jackson, March 6, 1819, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

COLONEL ARTHUR P. HAYNE TO JACKSON.

Hermitage, March 6, 1819.

. . . . I greatly rejoice, that you went on to Washington. It was, for very many weighty considerations, a most happy and fortunate determination. *Time* , has shown, that it was probably the only course, which could have been adopted, to ensure full and complete Justice to your Character. The most intelligent Class of the American Community, have been enabled, to become personally acquainted with you. And on your Return to the bosom of your family, you will have it in your power to say, that notwithstanding all the *Cruel anxiety* and *Persecution* , which you have been made to suffer, on account of your unshaken Love of Country and sound political knowledge, *all — all* has *terminated* for the *best* . I sincerely congratulate you on the happy occasion. My greatest fears have always been on account of your health: But if that did not prevent, I hope you have extended yr Tour to Boston, as well as Bal[t]imore, Philadelphia, and New-York. At a convenient Season, I [am] sure you will visit, Charleston So. Ca, also; the Capital of your own *Native State* . I know of no event, that could make her patriotic Citizens; my *Brothers* ; Gadsden, and self more happy.

What does the President of the United States not owe you, for the prompt support, you have always given his Administration. In 1814 and 1815 you snatched the *Republican* party, and Mr. *Monroe* , from almost inevitable destruction and in the present instance you have most effectually served the *Latter* . Your personal presence has silenced all opposition to his Administration; and has ensured his second election. He owes you more

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infinitely more, that he can express, and I a[m] sure he feels his *obligation* ; and in serving Mr. Monroe, you have served your Country and the sacred, *cause* , of *virtue* , *honor* and *Justice* .